## House Resolution No. 2877

Whereas, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Aurora R-VIII School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 28, 2003, with the retirement of Barbara Willard who has devoted many years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Barbara Willard has taught fourth grade for twenty-three years at Robinson Middle School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Barbara Willard has touched the lives of countless youngsters by helping them form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future; and

Whereas, Barbara Willard has supported her profession as a member of the Career Ladder Committee, the Scrapbook Committee, and the Aurora Education Association, for which she has served three years as a Grade Level Representative, and as a twenty-three-year member of the Missouri State Teachers Association; and

Whereas, Barbara Willard derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through her affiliation with Elm Branch Christian Church, where she serves as a Sunday school teacher and Bible school teacher; and

**Whereas**, Barbara Willard has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Charles Willard, and two children, Preston and Darla:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Aurora R-VIII School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Barbara Willard has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Barbara Willard, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First
Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and
correct copy of House Resolution No. 2877, adopted May
14, 2003.

Offered by